Genre: Legend

Legends, like stories, have the same elements: characters in settings with problems, attempts to solve problems or events, resolution and lessons or themes. What makes a legend a little different are a number of things. Using a dictionary definition a legend is "a story handed down for generations among a people and popularly believed to have a historical basis, although not verifiable." Introduce these characteristics of legends from Margaret Mooney's book, Text Forms and Features:

Purpose:
- To focus on positive character traits
- To present models of behavior and ethics

Form:
- A story (narrative), often part fact and part fiction, about the deeds of a famous hero, kept alive through oral retellings and later written down

Features:
- Focuses on character traits of strength and bravery
- May have historical basis
- The "underdog" usually triumphs or good overcomes evil
- Wishes come true as a result of a test or struggle.

Appendix #5a

Legend Bookmark

Stories about heroes, first told then written down

Name: _____

Title: _____

List the page number and a brief reminder of the genre characteristics you find as you read.

Legends focus on positive character traits presenting models of good behavior.

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